REMARKS

This paper is filed in reply to the communication dated September 19, 2006, from the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. The Examiner has required restriction between Group I (Claims 1-11), Group II (Claims 12-18), and Group III (Claims 19-30). Applicant elects Group III, Claims 19-30, for prosecution in this application.

Claims 1-18 are canceled without prejudice to applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of those claims in one or more separate divisional applications directed thereto. This restriction is made without traverse.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments address all of the Examiner's objections. Prompt favorable action is requested.

If there are any questions the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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